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1. Between 15 and 29 August 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, including some with AT insignia on the left forearm. On 22 August, four 100-mm AT guns were in the barracks yard; and, on 29 August, 12 trucks with 12 x 57-mm AT guns and 4 other trucks were seen in a vehicle shed. About 50 percent of the windows of the large quartering building and about 80 and about 10 percent of the windows of two other buildings were lighted after nightfall. Trucks

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were seen en route to the installation.

2. Between 15 and 29 August, the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia; about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia; and naval personnel. Some of the troops wore AT insignia on the left forearm. At 9 a.m. on 15 August, 22 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets marched to the firing range. At about 5 p.m., a 14-piece military band and several columns of troops, including 11 officers and 20 EM, 1 officer and 40 EM, 1 officer and 40 EM, 4 officers and 70 EM, 1 officer and 20 EM, 1 officer and 30 EM, 1 officer and 40 EM, 1 officer and 24 EM and 1 officer and 20 EM, entered the installation. They returned toward Putlitz Kaserne at 9:45 p.m.

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3. On 4 September, the Putlitz Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A total of 18 x 57-mm AT guns and 12 x 100-mm AT guns were observed. The 76.2-mm AT guns previously observed there were no longer seen. Troops observed received instruction on carbines and submachine guns and engaged in physical training. Troops were no longer restricted to quarters and were repeatedly observed in the town area.



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Comment. The two installations can be carried occupied as previously by units of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig prior to early September. See

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Elements of the brigade, along with the 76.2-mm guns, may have been absent from the post for exercises; this would account for the partial occupation of the Putlitz Kaserne.

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